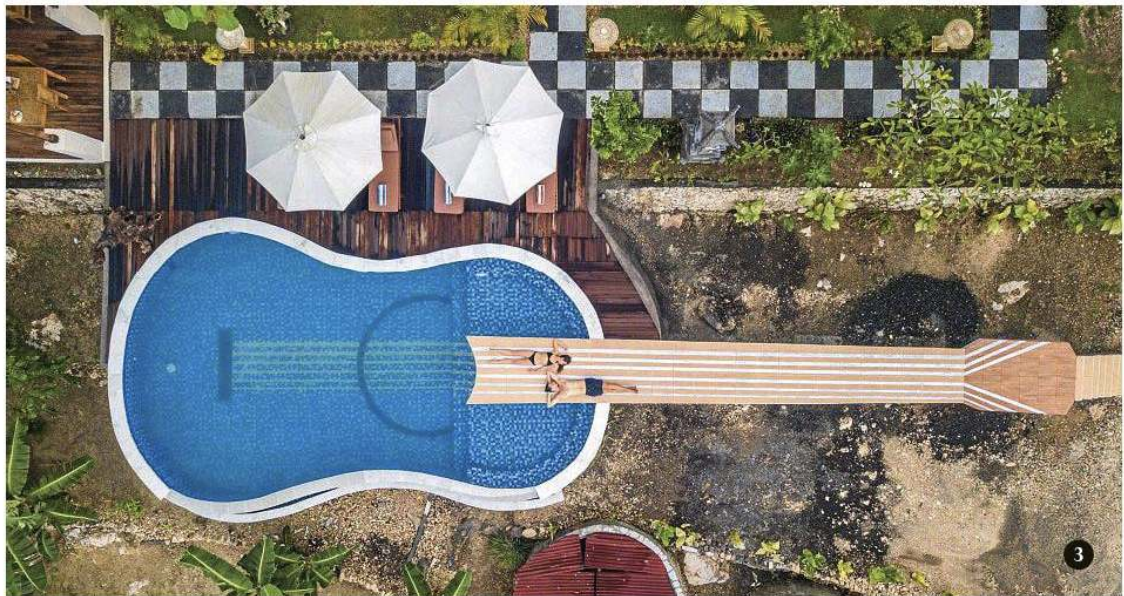




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With the weather so cold and miserable heading into winter, do you find yourself dreaming of a sunny summer holiday by the pool? Whether you want to work on your tan and sip on a craft cocktail or just splash around with the kids, a fabulous pool is often the highlight of your vacay. In fact, recent data shows that more than a third of Australian travellers say having a swimming pool is essential to have an enjoyable holiday.

With that in mind, Booking.com has delved into its more than 28 million listings in more than 150,000 destinations around the world to bring you six properties with unique, signature swimming pools. Sure to add that something special to your upcoming summer trip, they've got guitar-shaped pools in Indonesia to romantic heart-shaped pools in Rimini, so get ready to cool off in style in one of these peculiar and picturesque pools.

1. Lagoon swimming pool in Salamander Bay, Australia

Located near Port Stephens in NSW's beautiful Hunter Region, Oaks Pacific Blue Resort features a giant, lagoon-style swimming pool you could spend hours in. Forming a giant ring around the accommodation, the pool is a perfect way to cool down on a sunny weekend away.

2. Heart-shaped pool in Rimini, Italy

After a romantic stroll down the city's seafont promenade, a dip in Hotel Sabrina Rimini's beautiful, heart-shaped pool is the perfect way to kick-start a weekend getaway with your bac. With warm temperatures almost year-round, famed filmmaker Fellini's

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home town beckons with its fresh seafood and stunning architecture. With free bike rentals from the property, you can explore the old town's narrow cobblestone streets and discover even more of Rimini's many charms.

3. Guitar-shaped pool in Nusa Penida, Indonesia

Just south-east of Bali, the small island of Nusa Penida is still a hidden gem. After exploring the island's numerous Instagrammable vistas, music lovers will appreciate a cooling dip in Kabeh Jati Garden Villa and Restaurant's unique guitar-shaped pool. Whether you want to lounge on the giant fretboard or just chill out and chat in the water, this pool is a stunning place to catch some rays and relax.

4. Yin and yang pool in Bad Tatzmannsdorf, Austria

Rather than simply settling for an average

rectangular pool on your next getaway, why not try something a little different? The Yin Yang Thermal Spa at Reuters Supreme Hotel Adults Only includes freshwater, saltwater and thermal water pools that are all part of a 120ha resort in Bad Tatzmannsdorf, in eastern Austria. After a carriage ride or riding lesson with some of the region's world-famous Lipizzaner stallions and a picturesque prance through the area's renowned rolling hills, you can zen out in the property's uniquely shaped thermal springs.

5. Texas-shaped pool in Houston, US

While they say that everything is bigger in Texas, including the residents' pride in their home state, the rooftop pool at the Marriott Marquis in Houston takes it to a whole other level. Set in the heart of the city, the property's large Texas-shaped lazy river is a signature design feature, ringed with loads of



loungers to take advantage of all those long, lazy sunny days. After a fun day in the pool, go discover Houston's buzzing and diverse food scene, its world-class art museums and shopping, or check out a professional football, basketball or baseball game.

6. Epic pool in San Alfonso Del Mar, Chile

Unusual and unrivalled in its size, the pool at San Alfonso Del Mar is the largest outdoor swimming pool in the world (about 20 times the size of an Olympic pool). Built along the beautiful Chilean coastline, this impressive pool gives guests the opportunity to navigate from one side to the other in one of the pool's small sailboats and canoes. The coastal resort of Algarrobo is a great holiday destination for travellers who would like to combine long, sandy beaches with pine forests full of hiking trails.

